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Expert Meeting on Electronic Commerce Strategies for Development:
The Basic Elements of an Enabling Environment for E-commerce
Geneva, 10–12 July 2002
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the Expert Meeting is reproduced in section I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.15/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3: Electronic commerce strategies for development: The basic elements of an enabling environment for e-commerce

3. At its sixth session, in February 2002, the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development decided to convene an Expert Meeting on Electronic Commerce Strategies for Development: The Basic Elements of an Enabling Environment for E-commerce.

4. This Expert Meeting will analyse national experiences of both developed and developing countries and identify key elements of participatory, comprehensive national e-commerce strategies and their impact/implications in developing countries. Policy areas likely to be considered during the meeting include (i) the linkages between e-commerce strategies and other aspects of development strategies; (ii) legal and regulatory aspects of e-commerce; (iii) infrastructure, access and telecommunications; (iv) awareness creation, education and training; and (v) approaches to the design and implementation of national e-commerce strategies.

5. The Expert Meeting will contribute towards a process of international consensus building concerning the integration of e-commerce into development strategies.

6. To facilitate the discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues note on "Electronic commerce strategies for development: The basic elements of an enabling environment for e-commerce" (TD/B/COM.3/EM.15/2). In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.3/EM.15/2	"Electronic commerce strategies for development: The basic elements of an enabling environment for e-commerce". Issues note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting

7. The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development at its seventh session in February 2003. The Expert Meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chairperson, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.